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MASONRY CHIRA—CHERUTHURUTHI PANCHAYAT AREA

226. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Panchayat Department have not taken up a scheme to construct a masonry chira in the Cheruthuruthi Panchayat area near the Chelakara Road in a thodu which has been used to be bunded every year by a mud chira;

(b) whether the work is being conducted in the original survey number where it was first decided or on the spot where the mud chira had been usually constructed;

(c) whether there had been mass petitions and personal representations before the Hon'ble Minister for not shifting the old site;

(d) whether the chira is going to be or is being constructed on the old site;

(e) whether the Government has consulted the Chief Engineer or the Irrigation Board or both in view of the serious opposition to the new site;

(f) whether the Government will be responsible for the loss of crops that is likely to occur if the old site is shifted?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(a) Yes.

(b) The chira is being constructed 550 feet lower down the canal from the site where the earthen bund used to be put up and the work is nearing completion.

(c) There were petitions against the shifting of the old site.

(d) Please see answer to (b).

(e) No. The work is only a minor irrigation work.

(f) No loss of crops is expected.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know Sir, whether the latter portion of answer to subdivision (*b*) is an answer to any question? I have not put any question about completion.

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member should be grateful to the Government for giving this additional information.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* So the Government do not want me to put any further questions.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I would welcome any number of questions from the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* But the House will not allow that.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Seeing that there would be loss of crops, is it not justifiable on the part of the Government to think over the whole matter better?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* For the matter of that, I myself inspected the site after receiving the complaint. The complaint is from one single individual agriculturist. There was a temporary bund put up close to that particular complainant's property. The irrigation water goes to various other plots also. The department wanted to put up a permanent sluice there. They found out a suitable site with rocky foundation 550 feet lower down. They found that the property which was being benefitted by putting up the earthen bund in olden days would also be benefitted if the sluice is put up in this better site and at a lesser cost also and so the sluice was put up there.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government is responsible for any loss of crops?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Government have absolutely no responsibility. The ryot is responsible. We are not responsible to supply water.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandara Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What is the cost of putting up this new bund?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Somewhere about Rs. 2,000.

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